

A Dreadful Calamity—Frightful Hurricane!

It was yesterday announced to us by telegraph that a frightful hurricane had visited Louisville, Ky., blowing down a church filled with persons, and killing twenty out of the number. We have since received full particulars from the Louisville Democrat of the 28th.

Twelve o'clock, August 27th, 1854, will long be remembered as a terrible epoch in the history of Louisville.

With that hour came death to many persons assembled in the house of God, engaged in worship, and destruction to a vast amount of property in this city.

One of the most violent storms which has ever swept over this section of Kentucky left its dreadful footprints in the city yesterday. After a severe drouth of many weeks duration, the sky early in the day, indicated rain. The clouds gathered and we had what persons not within the reach of the tornado accompanying it, would call a thunder shower. But within the reach of its sweeping breath was the Third Presbyterian Church, corner of Eleventh and Walnut streets, which it completely wrecked—blowing from a westwardly direction, the entire building fell in, roof, rafters, brick walls and all, crushing some twenty of the congregation to instant death, and wounding seriously, perhaps mortally, some ten or twelve others. The scene is described as most heart-rending. Soon a large crowd assembled and began their search for the victims. A mother and her three children were grouped in death; another, presented a father, mother and babe—the father dead, the mother mortally wounded, while their little child placed beneath them escaped unhurt, protected by the forms of its parents. In other instances some of the victims were found terribly bruised and maimed. The catastrophe has stricken consternation into the very heart of the city, and its people are appalled beyond relief. The following is a list of killed and wounded:

KILLED—Mrs. Vildabee and three children; Mr. Taylor and child; Mr. Godfrey; Mrs. Salisbury; Miss Headly, aged about eleven years; Jno. McGowan; Mr. Sweney; Mrs. Martin, wife of John N. Martin, saddler; Mrs. Wicks, wife of Capt. Wm. Wicks; niece of Mrs. Martin; Mr. Barbour; Mr. McLelland, of the Kentucky Locomotive Works; Mr. R. Davies; Mr. McBride and child. It is thought that one or two others were killed, whose names we have not learned.

WOUNDED—Mrs. Taylor, wife of Mr. Taylor, who was killed, and child—both severely; Miss Duff; Mrs. Pennabaker, wife of Mr. Pennabaker, city councilman, slightly injured; Mrs. Morsell, dangerously injured, no hopes of recovery; Miss Morsell, aged 18 years, severely injured, but will probably recover; Mrs. Hewitt and child, badly hurt, but will recover; Wash. Ragan, seriously injured; Mr. Bradley, bricklayer, had an eye knocked out while efforts were being made to rescue him from the ruins; Miss Cooper, severely wounded. It is known that some twenty other persons were injured, but we are unable to ascertain their names.

The storm is described as most destructive and terrific, unroofing houses, tearing up trees, and prostrating buildings, in a moment of time as it were. The following is a list of the losses:

New steamer New Memphis, Capt. Greenlow, wrecked, \$5,000.

Steamer W. W. Farmer, the Colbert, and two other boats, blown from their moorings and lodged on the rocks. Not much injured.

Splendid new block of buildings on north side of Main street blown down, and it is thought two men were buried in the ruins. Loss \$18,000.

Upper story of Richardson & Co.'s rope factory blown down, and portions of it carried three hundred yards. Several thousand dollars loss.

New City School House unroofed. Damage \$8,000.

Roof of the Blind Asylum badly damaged.

Medical College, on Chestnut st., much injured.

Mr. Johnson's dwelling unroofed—damage \$500.

Several houses on Eighth street unroofed. Mr. Callahan's dwelling injured; Col. Riddle's beautiful residence, and Mr. McKinley's large building, on Kentucky st., unroofed. Also another large house in the same neighborhood. Besides these there were twenty-eight other houses partially blown down and unroofed.

A boy was killed by a falling timber. It is thought that the loss will not fall short of \$100,000.

There is a rumor that a church at New Albany was struck by lightning.

THE DROUGHT.—The Tribune, in the course of a long article on this now all important subject, says:

"We estimate the total corn crop of the United States for this year at less than two-thirds of an average, or not above fifteen bushels per acre. There are thousands on thousands of acres that will not yield five bushels—many, in fact, that will never be harvested at all. One heavy, general, soaking rain, on the 1st of August, would have added at least one hundred millions of dollars to the aggregate value of our crop for the current year. The total deficiency of the corn crop cannot fall below two hundred millions of bushels, worth one hundred millions of dollars; for much of our corn is usually worth seventy-five cents to a dollar per bushel on the farm where it is grown; and the loss on roots, grass, and vegetables cannot fall below another equal amount. In other words, the harvest of this year will be worth to the country two hundred millions of dollars less than we had reason to suppose it would be one little month ago. This loss will not all fall on the farmers; they will be partially compensated for deficiency of yield by enhancement of price; but that merely shifts a part of the burden from their shoulders to others. The aggregate loss is quite as severe as if fire, flood, or some other terrible calamity had swept property worth two hundred millions of dollars completely out of existence."

FIRE AT RICHMOND, IND.—A fire broke out night before last, in the Palladium newspaper office, in Richmond, Ind., and consumed that concern, together with the Sons of Temperance Hall, Joseph Barton's shoe store, and Mendenhall's book store, besides injuring some other buildings in the vicinity. The loss is estimated at about \$10,000, upon which there is some insurance.

One of the prisoners confined in the jail of St. Joseph county, Michigan, set it on fire on Sunday, the 13th inst. He had often threatened to do so, declaring that he would never be brought to trial; and while the fire was in progress, he acknowledged it was his work. During the excitement and confusion of the fire, the jailer lost the keys, and it became necessary to extricate the prisoners by chopping through the logs of which the jail was built. The three persons charged with the murder of Eastbrook were rescued, but the wretch who set the building on fire perished in the flames. He was committed under the name of De Forest, and was about 27 years old. He had also passed by the names of Newton, Harvey and Brown.

DAMARISCOTTA, Me., Aug. 25.

At about 1 o'clock to-day, a fire broke out in the rear of the hotel in Waldoboro, which swept all the village from Wm. Tebbatt's large furniture store, on the North and East, as far as the Baptist Meeting-house, which was saved.

The property destroyed includes every store in the village, and every building south and west to the river, and to Capt. G. Kuhn's residence on the south side, Gen. H. Kennedy's new ship, Capt. Jas. Cook's bark, both on the stocks, and all of Mr. Clark's timber in his yard for a large ship. Both Banks, (the Medomack and Waldoboro,) the Custom House and Post Office were also burnt. The loss cannot now be approximated, but must exceed \$250,000.

MASS MEETING AT DAYTON.—The 21st of September has been set apart as a big day for Dayton. Hons. Thomas H. Benton, B. F. Wade, J. Scott Harrison, Daniel Mace, and L. D. Campbell, are to address the people on the political topics of the day.

A GOOD IDEA.—The Democrats of Montgomery county, have a primary election on the 16th of September. The Dayton Gazette proposes, for the convenience of farmers, mechanics and others who are generally too busy to be bored, to print a blank to be filled up and kept ready for delivery when an office-seeker calls. It will contain a full statement of the health of the family—especially the state of their bowels; the age of the baby; the condition of the crops, and all such other information as gentlemen usually inquire after when in search of votes. The entire operation of shaking hands, delivering the memorandum, and bowing the people's friend outdoors, need not consume more than a minute. The blanks will be ready in a few days. Price—10 cts. a dozen.

The following is a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Pierce Democracy at Toledo on Saturday last:

Resolved, That the best test of a Democrat is an *unscratched ticket*.

Jefferson, who was supposed to be something of a democrat in his day, was wont to ask the questions, Is he honest? Is he capable? Is he faithful to the Constitution? But now these three queries are reduced to one, and that one is, Does he go the party right or wrong? Quite a change. —[Citizen.]

A CURIOUS FACT.—Cholera in its repeated returns, almost invariably revisits the same countries, districts of countries, portions of cities and towns, and even particular houses and rooms where it had been before. The first case that occurred in Leith, Scotland, in 1848, was in the same house and within a few feet of the very spot from whence the epidemic of 1832 commenced its course. On its re-appearance in the town of Pollashaws, it snatched its first victim from the first room in which it broke out in 1832. At Oxford in 1849, as in 1832, the first case occurred in the county jail. At Gottingen, in Holland, the disease in 1832 attacked in the better part of the city only two houses, and the epidemic broke out in those two identical houses in the visitation of 1848. Such observations have led medical observers to predict with certainty the very spot in which attacks of cholera would occur. The seats are well known haunts of other epidemics and pestilential diseases, such as typhus, scarlet fever, measles, hooping-cough, erysipelas and remittant fever.

A HOTEL FOR COLORED PEOPLE.—The N. Y. papers state that several liberal minded gentlemen in the city of New York, to wit: Wm. B. Astor, Josiah Perham, Horace Greeley, P. T. Barnum, Wm. M. Burroughs of the Irving, and Coleman & Stetson, have purchased the row of brick buildings facing the Bowling Green, and looking up Broadway. They will demolish these buildings, and erect upon the site a fine hotel, of brown sandstone. The hotel is intended solely for the colored people of the United States. It will be leased to colored men, and none but colored men will be allowed to board there.

The most agreeable companion is a simple, frank man, without any high pretensions to an oppressive greatness, one who loves life, and understands the use of it; obliging alike at all hours; above all of a golden temper, and steadfast as an anchor.—For such a one, we would gladly exchange the greatest genius, the most brilliant wit, the profoundest thinker.

CALIFORNIA WINE.—We are informed, by a gentleman lately returned from Los Angeles, that there will be a large amount of wine manufactured in that region of country from the present yield of grape. Experienced persons from the celebrated establishment of Longworth, at Cincinnati, have come out and are now superintending the enterprise. They assert they can produce an equal, if not a superior article to that of Longworth. We have no doubt that the business will in time become extensive and profitable in the grape-growing region of this State.

The chest seen at sea by the *Pride of the Sea*, marked G. B., City of Glasgow, is supposed to have belonged to George Brown, who was a seaman on the ill-fated steamer.

STATE FAIR POSTPONED.—See the card of the Executive Committee in our local column, postponing the State Fair till October 17th. We think they have done wisely, in view of the facts stated by them. As the great National Cattle Show comes off, in Springfield, O., on the 25th, 26th and 27th of October, this change will enable strangers and exhibitors from abroad, to avail themselves of both these great gatherings. The great drouth alone, would be a good reason for the change.—O. S. Jour.

State Fair Postponed.

The premium list, circulars and posters, of the Fifth Annual State Fair, under the direction of the Board of Agriculture, have been very generally circulated, announcing the Fair to commence on the 19th of September! Very extensive and satisfactory arrangements have been made for the convenience of visitors, and the grounds and every thing are in such a state of forwardness as would have ensured their completion in time. But owing to the sudden outbreak of sickness at Newark, which may not be over by the 19th of September, the Executive Committee, under the circumstances, deem it advisable to *postpone* the Fair.

The public will please take notice that the Fair is accordingly postponed, to commence on *Tuesday the 17th of October*.—The only change will be as to *time*. The arrangements for the accommodation of visitors, and all the rules and regulations for conducting the Fair, as already published in our circulars and handbills, will remain unaltered. The interval will be diligently improved, and the committee feel confident that they will be able to give additional interest to the great exposition of the industry of the State, on the 17th of October.

R. W. MUSGRAVE,
JAMES L. COX,
J. SULLIVANT.

Ex. Com. Ohio State Board of Ag.
Columbus, Aug. 31st, 1854.

The corn crop in the Maumee and Wabash valleys is said to be better this season than the last. The wheat crop was small, but double the usual amount of hay has been secured, and the potatoe crop is very abundant. These facts are stated on the authority of the Buffalo Democracy, which obtains its information from a resident of the Maumee country, and says it may be relied on. We are glad there is one green spot on the parched surface.—[O. S. Jour.]

WILD ANIMALS.—A beautiful pair of Elk, a young buffalo, and a couple of deer, from the North-Western portion of Iowa, passed through this city this morning, on their way to the State Fair at Newark. These animals are all in fine condition. The elk are very gentle, and can be driven in harness. The buffalo is two years old, and weighs nearly 900 lbs. The owner will sell the pair of elk for \$1,500 and the Buffalo for \$1,000.

The exhibit of the New York book concern shows the entire capital remaining, after settling with the church South, to be \$500,000.

The South received in all, as her dividend, \$121,000, to be paid in eight annual installments.

The Ohio Wesleyan University is in a prosperous condition; 594 students were in attendance during the past year.

We are gratified to announce to our readers a CATHARTIC PILL, (of which see advertisement in our columns,) from that justly celebrated Physician and Chemist, Dr. J. C. AYER. His Cherry Pectoral, everywhere known as the best remedy ever offered to the public for Coughs, &c., has prepared them to expect that anything from his laboratory would be worthy of attention. As no one medicine is more universally taken than a physical pill, the public will be glad to know of one from such a trustworthy source. We happen to know, and can assure them, that this article has intrinsic merits, fully equal to any compound that has ever issued from his crucibles, and consequently is well worthy a trial whenever such a medicine becomes necessary.—[Racine Com. Adv.]